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## **REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Examiner has reviewed the minor changes to the claims that were made for the purpose of clarity. The changes do not change the patentability status of all the claims. All of the claims, i.e., claims 9, 15-46 are allowed consistent with the reasons stated in the 7/15/04 Notice of Allowability.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

## Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Mooney whose telephone number is 571-272-2422. The examiner can normally be reached during weekdays, M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frank G. Font can be reached on 571-272-2415. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-

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